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## Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, March 22, 2010, at 2 p.m.

## House of Representatives

SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2010

The House met at 1 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: "This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad." In many ways, every day is fresh and a new beginning. The past is more easily forgotten. The future is less uncertain.

But today is especially new for us, Lord. So we praise You and we thank You. The cold winter and blankets of snow are set aside and the sunlight brings forth new life. The long waiting is over. Hope and promise are in the air.

For us, Lord, it is spring. The equinox has silently occurred, but we may not have been aware because our Earth was spinning so fast, and we did not notice our tilt to Your sun.

Help us, Lord, to understand our ever-changing world better. Never let us lose perspective. Although it is spring for us, for another half of the world, it is the beginning of fall. Help us to hold on to You, Lord, now and forever.

Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SALAZAR). The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Texas (Mr. POE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. POE of Texas led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

### IT IS TIME TO VOTE "YES" ON HEALTH CARE REFORM

(Ms. SCHWARTZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Mr. Speaker, today we will act on a uniquely American solution to health care reform. Our action will bring down health care costs for middle-income families, will help small businesses afford coverage for their employees, will improve coverage for our seniors, will rein in wasteful spending, and will provide access to 32 million uninsured Americans.

For those with insurance, starting right away, insurance companies will be prohibited from discriminating based on preexisting conditions, from placing annual or lifetime caps on coverage, and from dropping people for coverage when they get sick.

It is time to put American families back in control of their health care. It's time to hold insurance companies accountable to keep premiums down and to stop their denial of care and coverage. And it is time to ensure that 95 percent of Americans have access to affordable, meaningful health care choices.

It's time to finally fix the Medicare prescription drug gap, known as the doughnut hole, and to provide seniors with preventative and primary care. And it is time to rein in the Federal deficit by reducing it by \$1.2 trillion.

It's time to vote "yes" on health care reform.

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